ALLIES BACKING HOOVER FOOD PLAN

Competitive Buying of Entente **Would End and American** Prices Would Drop.

BRITISH NEEDS OUTLINED

LONDON, April 21 .- "President Wilson's address to the American people forms the keystone of the arch of allied co-operation" said Baron Devonport, the food controller, in an interview to day with the Associated Press. The baron discussed the plans proposed for have are, primarily, wheat and pork o control of foodstuffs by Herbert C. mission for relief in Belgium and recently appointed head of the American

the war cabinet." said Baron Devonport, "has my strongest backing, and, I understand, also the backing of representatives of our allies. It was that a small interallied committee should be appointed representing five or six of those principally interested in the overseas movement of food supplies; that is, this committee should further develop the existing interallied organs in Europe for the combined purchase and combined handling of all foodstuffs for the allies, whether from America or elsewhere. In other words, all wheat and any other commodities bought in the United States or elsewhere are to be bought through the head of a bureau subject to this general committee, and "has my strongest backing, and, subject to this general committee, and thus the relative bidding by different allies and the consequent artificial forcing up of American prices would be avoided.

Cause of High Prices.

"This competitive buying among the the allied governments has been to a value as a spiritual and political faith considerable degree responsible for the the personal initiative and willingness high prices which American consumers today have to pay for their foodstuffs. doday have to pay for their foodstuffs.

"Another important function of the board would be to determine the allocation of food supplies among the different allies and formulate their requirements for a considerable period ahead. It is not proposed that this board shall have any functions inside the territory of any of the allies, but it is to be a bridge representing food control of each allied country for co-operative purposes. As America is wholly an exporter of food, our hopes of the American people are that they may place at the disposition of the interallied board as large quantities of our necessary staples as possible, and it is our hopes by concertion that we shall necessary staples as possible, and it is our hope by co-operation that we shall be able to stem the rising tide in the cost of living in America as well as Europe, and thus ameliorate the con-Europe, and thus ameliorate the con-dition of the civil population in all the allied countries."

Restraint on Consumption. Baron Devonport said the require

ments of the allied countries from

America should be limited to the lowest ssible minimum on which public health and tranquillity could be maintained, and that every legitimate retained, and that every legitimate restraint should be placed upon food consumption and extravagance in all allied countries. The gravity of the situation and the control established, said the baron, had long since done away with certain conditions which were so prominent in England and others of the allied countries during the carry months of the war. prominent in England and others of the allied countries during the early months of the war.

"The commodities needed by the allies from America," he continued, "could be reduced to a few central staples. Our people have been trained only to eat wheat bread, although we are now mixing from 20 to 25 per cent of maize meal, rice and other cereals with flour. Neither our people nor the peoples on the continent have equipment for making maize bread, nor do they understand its value. The American people have long since recognized the supetrained to it and in the meantime we have got to have bread. Therefore from now on until the harvest next August, at least, we must have wheat

Meat Must Be Imported.

We must import some meat for our soldiers at the front and a minor amount for our civilian population. Europe has depended for many years upor America for pork products, and the consumption of bacon has gone up immensely, due to our large armies in the

"Curious as it may seem to Americans, our people have only lately begun generally to recognize the superior value of beans for human food. There is scarcely a ton of beans to be bought in England today, and yet the food value of beans is greater than that of any of beans is greater than that of any

of another to official positions, but no one will resent a statement from me as to the satisfaction which we feel, and which we know the American people must feel, at the present selection of must feel, at the present selection of Mr. Hoover to advise on food matters. He is the longest-established food con-troller in Europe. The Belgian prob-lem has been more difficult than any al-lied problem, for he has had to feed 10,-600,000 and maintain public health with less material at his disposal than any controller. He has had two years' more experience at it than any other, and he experience at it than any other, and he has carried the problem through a thousand difficulties with success and with the esteem of the whole of Eu-

U. S. Must Economize on Foods to Assist Allies, Says Hoover

LONDON, April 21 .- The first and most important duty of the American people to their allies is to economize on foodstuffs. This is the appeal of Her bert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium and recently appointed head of the American food board.

"If we do not do it," he declared to-day to the Asociated Press, "we stand a grave chance of losing the war, because our allies cannot fight without food. Our enemies are calculating tha America will fail in this and our allie will need to give in. America can up-set these calsulations."

Supreme Effort Required.

Italian cabinets. He also investigated the food and shipping situation and plans for American co-operation. The net result he arrived at was that between now and the next harvest it would require a supreme effort by the American people.

"If feel it my duty to emphasise," Mr. He also investigated to complete, as they lie overboard, the work to be done to them. The barred zone on the river and the fact that many of the owners of pleasure cruising, it is thought, will amount that the food situation and more during the winter and the fact that many of the owners of pleasure cruising, it is thought, will amount the food situation and plans for American co-operation. The barred zone on the river and the fact that many of the owners of pleasure cruising, it is thought, will amount the food situation and plans for American co-operation. The barred zone on the river and the fact that many of the owners of pleasure cruising, it is thought, will amount the food situation and the feet on beating to complete, as they lie overboard, the commandant William L. Howard and established on demonstration bern nounced today that the newly contracted submarine L-8, the first to be for the fundamental expressions of your message to the North American nations born nounced today that the newly contracted submarine L-8, the first to be solved in the fundamental expressions of your message to the North American nations born nounced today that the newly contracted submarine L-8, the first to be submarine L-8, the first to

tion is one of the utmost gravity which, unless it is solved, may possibly result in the collapse of everything we hold dear in civilization.

"The total stock of food today available in the allied world is simply not sufficient to last until September if America continues its present rate of consumption. We now are face to face with the result of last year's poor harvest, the diversion of man-power from agriculture all over the world, the unavailable efforts of the European women to plant available fields fully, the isolation of Russia, the sinking of food ships and many other causes.

FIRST OFFER OF WAR LOAN

HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED

Banks Eager to Take \$200,000,000

Certificates—More May Be Issued.

Reducing Consumption.

"England, France and Italy are reducing consumption by drastic steps but even with all this reduction they must have from us during the next three months more than twice as much food as we should have exported normally or than we can send if we consume as usual.

The only hope of providing the deficiency is by the elimination of waste and actual and rigorous self-sacrifice on the part of the American people.

The certificates were

Millions of Bushels Needed. "The barest essentials the allies must

better co-operation among the allies as products; secondarily, meat, corn and beans. They need a minimum of 90,000, Hoover, chairman of the American com- | 900 bushels of wheat from North Ameri ca, more than twice today's apparent surplus on a normal export basis. There is no time to reorganize the dietary of Europe. To carry the allies over until the next harvest we must reduce our wheat consumption 30 per cent. This

everywhere it will grow or next year this time the food problem will be ab-solutely unsolvable and the world will

No Necessity for Rations.

"I do not believe there will be any necessity rigidly to ration the Ameri lies and the different departments in can people, for, if democracy is of any to volunteer self-sacrifice of every member of the greatest democracy in the world will be ample to solve the

robern.

"During the past fortnight we have, with the collaboration of the American ambassadors in Europe, laid the ground work for interallied co-operation in handling and transporting the vas one result of which will tend to ameliorate the rise in prices. I have proposed a plan by which the allies can consolidate under one hand the whole purchasing of staple foodstuffs from our market, and not only will competitive bidding be abolished, but by cooperation on our side we can arrange a proper balance between the rights of producers and consumers."

WOULD LIMIT GRAIN USED IN INTOXICANTS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE

Col. Roosevelt Also Advocates En of Joy Riding to Conserve Gasoline.

MINEOLA, N. Y., April 21.-In an ad dress before the Long Island Food Reserve Battalion and the Nassau county farm bureau here today Col. Theodor at once to limit the amount of grain being used throughout the country for the brewing and distillation of intoxicating

tomobiles for joy riding be stopped, so that the nation's supply of gasoline can The meeting, which marked the tenth the government, in case of food shortage

the government, in case of food stortage, mobilize and conscript men for tilling the soil. Several hundred Nassau county farmers and estate owners enthusiastically cheered his address.

"Wher we are threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs, as is apparent in the country-wide crop reports today, and when it is our duty to supply food to our allies to our utmost ability," he said, "we should see that needed grain food necessities are not diverted from their proper usage to the manufacture of intoxicants.

of beans is greater than that of the commodities which we can import. From all this you will see that we can reduce the commodities which we shall want for human food down to a few simple staples. We want wheat; we want some maize; we want a moderate amount of meat, and we want pork products. Beyond this, of course, we must have fodder for our animals and our army horses, for which we shall need more maize and oats.

Praises Mr. Hoover.

"It is not the usual thing for one pation to comment upon appointments of the common that is not the usual thing for one pation to comment upon appointments in the common training the usual thing for one pation to comment upon appointments in the common training the usual thing for one pations.

War's Length in Doubt.

"Nine-tenths of wisdom is in being vise in time. We may be going into a far greater trial than we think. Who can tell whether the war will last one year of two years or three? We should guard and prepare our industrise and our agriculture.

"There should be universal obligatory service outside of the army.
Every man and woman, without respect
to age, should have his or her activities to age, should have his of her activities utilized in the most efficient way. I hope, if a severe crop shortage threatens, the government will mobilize labor and use it so as to prevent such a a conference with Robert N. Harper

and use it so as to prevent such a shortage.

"In the next few months farm work will be just as necessary as any military work. The government should commandeer men to work the nation's farms if it is necessary. There should be an appeal for the voluntary co-operation of all fellows who can to help in this farm work. If they volunteer, well and good. If they don't, make them."

Col. Roosevelt touched upon the rail-road car shortage and urged that shipping be so arranged that the shortage in cars would affect the least necessary freight and that which could be considered as luxuries.

a conference with Robert N. Harper, chairman of the Washington reunion committee, says that he is convinced that the people of Washington will give the wearers of the gray a cordial welcome. Speaking of the reunion, Gen. Freeman said:

"The time and the place appear to me to be ideal. It will show to the world that, whatever differences we may have had in the past, we are one now. The presence of our tattered banners and the thin gray line will show that. Our sons are fighting in the ranks with men of Massachusetts and Michigan. There is no difference in the army, and why any one should apprehend disagreeable incl-dents I cannot understand. I believe that

planned to put overboard within the after three weeks of consultation with next two weeks many of the craft that

The first American offering of war securities in any form, \$200,000,000 in Treasury certificates, has been heavily oversubscribed.

How great the oversubscription i officials were unable to say last night, as many of the banks before which the offer had been placed informally, through the federal reserve board, had

The certificates were offered only to financial institutions. The respons officials believe, presages a patriotic outpouring of funds to an extent unparalleled in the history of any nation when the five-billion-dollar bond issue is placed before the general public.

Offer Made Informally.

Offering of the certificates was made informally, because the seven-billion dollar war finance measure is not yet a law. As soon as it is disposed of by Congress, probably by Wednesday of next week, the formal offer will be made and proceeds of the subscription called for at once.

called for at once.

The informal offering of the certificates has been before the banks of the country only three days. It was presented by the twelve federal reserve banks, which will act as the government's authorized agents in receiving subscriptions. The certificates will bear 3 per cent interest and will mature June 30, the end of the current fiscal year. They may be used in lieu of cash in paying for subscriptions to the big bond issue, and the date of their maturity indicates the belief on the part of officials that the five-billiondollar bond issue will be floated by that time.

Other issues of certificates probably will be formally offered the financial institutions of the country within short time. It is probable that as soo as the extent of the oversubscription of the present issue is ascertained Sec retary McAdoo will authorize the imme diate issue of an additional amount to

care for the oversubscription.
The proceeds of the \$200,000,000 issue and probably of subsequent issues will grounds of the District. Twenty-five serve banks of the country, each re-serve bank receiving amounts equaling the total subscriptions of banks within

OF BUSINESS MEN CITED

Dr. Rutter Tells Schoolmen's League of Co-Operation Brought About by War.

American business men have greatly changed their attitude toward the government since the beginning of the war with Germany, and are showing an encouraging spirit of co-operation with federal institutions, according to Dr. Frank R. Rutter of the Departmen of Commerce, who spoke before the Federal Schoolmen's Club last evening. anniversary of the founding of the organization, was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Ruediger, 2836 28th street northwest.

Dr. Rutter said that American busi-ness men at one time had assumed the attitude that the government had no right to ask any questions concerning their business, yet they had desired the government to give them all pos-sible information and to afford all pos-sible protection to them, he said. This spirit has been steadily changing, how-eyer, he stated, and since the war has

Question Settled Abroad.

"Most of the beligerent nations in Europe have taken up this problem and settled it. Let us begin at once to see to it that our grain is kept for food, and not put into alcoholic beverages."

"There are many other sides of this economy question," he continued. "Joy riding should be stopped. It is a waste of gasoline and we are going to need more gasoline than ever before in our war activities, and we also should supply it to

he nation.

He paid high tribute to the present su He paid high tribute to the present su-perintendent of the public schools of Washington. Ernest L. Thurston. Dean William A. Wilbur, first president of the club, briefly reviewed its history. A vote of thanks was tendered Claus J. Schwartz, retiring treasurer of the club, for his efficient work during the last three years.

years.
These officers were unanimously elected Arthur Derin Call, president; Stephen E Kramer, vice president; L. V. Lampson secretary; treasurer, E. L. Parks; mem ber of board of governors for two years Dr. Herbert E. Day; members of board of governors for the years, J. A. Cham berlain and William A. Wilbur.

MANY IN GRAY TO COME.

Cordial Welcome by Capital Expect ed to Be Impressive Feature.

Special Dispatch to The Star. RICHMOND, Va., April 21.—Gen. Walker B. Freeman of the Confederate Veterans, who is back in Richmond from

farms if it is necessary. There should be an appeal for the voluntary co-operation of all fellows who can to help in this farm work. If they volunteer, well and good. If they don't, make them."

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REPAIRING RIVER CRAFT.

Washington Owners Getting Boats Ready for Season.

Pleasure craft overhauling time is here and at all the boathouses and yacht berthing places the smell of paint and varnish is in the air as the launches, cruisers and auxiliaries are being made ready for duty. It is planned to put overboard within the next two weeks many of the wife of the reunion, Gen. Freeman said:

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SOLDIERS GUARDING RAILROADS USE ALL MEANS TO ACT WITH SPEED.



AGREE TO TAKE LESSONS IN "FIRST-AID" WORK

Woman Employes of the Department of Playgrounds Organize Red Cross Auxiliary.

A Red Cross auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, has been organized among the woma employes of the department of playplayground directors and assistant have volunteered to take lessons in "Every playground teacher ought to

first-aid work and Red Cross service. know first aid," said Mrs. Rhodes, "and not only that but they should also teach the older children under them. It is our plan, therefore, to have every teacher in our Red Cross organization and then have each of them take classes for girls and boys on the playgrounds. There are thousands of young people over sixteen years old patron zing the playgrounds who could be very useful in time of emergency."

Mrs. Rhodes Outlines Plan.

The scheme as outlined by Mrs. Rhodes includes instruction not alone in first aid, but also in making bandages, surgical dressing, knitting of various appliances for use in military ospitals and the sewing of napkins swathing cloths and similar equipment. On each playground where a club of young people is already organized the club will form the unit for the work.

Those Who Have Signed.

Among those who have signed for first aid courses are Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of playgrounds; Ella Gardner, director of girls' activities and of the Mount Pleasant playground; Mabel F. Towner, director of Virginia Avenue playground; Elva R. Whitcomb, director of Georgetown playground; Randolph Livingston, director Dapray, director of the New York ave- Raymond F. Crist, deputy commissioner nue playground; Katherine Kail, direc- of naturalization. tor of the Wilcox playground; Florence

Mount Pleasant playground; Elizabeth
M. Penny, assistant director of the New
York Avenue playground; Pearl Robertson, assistant director of Rosedale
playground; Jane Breen, assistant director of Virginia Avenue playground;
Caroline S. Oppenheimer, Lasalia McCaffrey, Jacqueline Whiting, Harriet
Kail, Olga Melick, Golder Norton, Mrs.
R. J. Straeten, Flora Kail, Mrs. Edelin,
Mrs. G. D. Van Vleet and Mrs. C. W.
Donaldson.

MRS. LUCY M. RYAN DEAD. Resident of Capital for Many Years,

Buried Near Millwood, Va.

pecial Dispatch to The Star.
WINCHESTER, Va., April 21.-Mrs. Lucy McCormick Ryan, seventy-five years old, member of a prominent Clarke county family and for many years a resident of Washington, died vesterday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Thomas B. Woodward, at Staunton, Va., after a long period of illhealth. She was the widow of Maj. Joseph F. Ryan, C. S. A., and leaves sever daughters, two sons and two sisters. Her funeral was held this afternoor from Old Chapel, near Millwood, Clarke county, her son-in-law, the Rev. D. L. Ritchie of the Waynesboro (Va.) Bap-tist Church officiating.

HAS 20,000 WAR GARDENS.

Birmingham, Ala., Expects \$400,000 Worth of Foodstuffs. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.-Twen

ultivation in Birmingham as the result of the efforts of the Birmingham Garden Association, organized this week according to an announcement made to-day. Officials of the organization say on basis of \$20 for each garden, food-stuffs raised will be worth \$400,000.

WEALTHY MAN ENLISTS.

Former Representative Denby Provisionally Accepted in Marines. DETROIT. Mich., April 21.-Edwin Denby, former representative in Congress, a wealthy Detroit manu facturer, who has been prominent as an advocate of preparedness, today applied for enlistment in the Marine Corps. He was examined and provisionally accepted. Denby is CHILEANS INDORSE PRESIDENT. more than forty years of age and the fact was reported to Washington with a recommendation that the applicant a recommendation that the applicant be exilisted.

Denby was a member of the Michigan Naval Reserves in the Spanish-Ameri-can war.

Submarine to Be Launched Monday.

REPORTED SUBMARINED RUSS SOLDIERS URGED Rumor of New German Attack Not Confirmed-Patriotic Demonstra-

tions Quieted for Present. RIO DE JANEIRO, April 21 .- A repor is current that the Brazilian steamer Belem has been torpedoed by a German

submarine, but this is without confirmation. where there have been strikes and anti-German demonstrations, and Rio Claro, the delegates from the armies on the

ance occurred, the manifestations in Minsk today, and is being attended by Brazil have been of a purely patriotic character, simply a protest against the soldiers and officers and the workers torpedoing of the steamer Parana. At the present time order has been re-established everywhere. It is impossi-ble, however, to conceal the fact that the calm is rather on the surface; in the present state of feeling the small-

DESCRIBES HOW ALIENS ACQUIRE CITIZENSHIP

Raymond F. Crist Talks to Teachers Club on Work of Naturaliza-

tion Bureau. The work of the bureau of natural-

the Teachers' Club last night at a meet-Bloomingdale playground; Olivia V. ing at the clubroom, 602 11th street, by Mr. Crist told of the organization in

L. Chambers, assistant director of 1914 of night schools for adult foreign-Mount Pleasant playground; Elizabeth ers in thirty-eight cities and towns. The speaker declared that today there are such classes in more than 1,715 cities and towns, with hundreds of thousands of adult foreigners in attendance.

ance.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Helen Gardner, president of the club. It was announced the club is hoping to keep the headquarters open during the summer, in order that the Red Cross work which is being done can be continued. Teachers are urged to attend Wednesday afternoons to ald in action and making handses. sewing and making bandages. A "unit' for knitting meets Thursday aft-ernoons. Four "first aid" classes of twenty-five members each have been organized, it was stated.

SLAYS ACQUITTED MAN.

Doctor Shoots Robert Johnson, Tried for Killing Former's Father-in-Law. GUNTERSVILLE, Ala., April 21.-Dr. John C. Harris shot and instantly killed Robert Johnson about 8 o'clock this morning here. Johnson, on trial for the past three days for the murder of I. C. Capehart, father-in-law of Harris was ernoon. Harris met Johnson on the 10 o'clock, instead of Wednesday, as anstreets this morning and witnesses say he began shooting immediately. Harris was heavily armed, but Johnson, it is claimed, was unarmed.

KONGSLI REPORTED AFLOAT. Belgian Relief Officials Get Confirm-

ty thousand "war gardens" are under ation, However, of Vessel's Sinking. LONDON, April 22, 12:40 a.m. - A Reuter dispatch from Ymuiden says i has been ascertained that the relief ship Kongsli has not been sunk, but is being towed into port. NEW YORK, April 21.-Officials of

the American commission for relief in Belgium late today received a cable message from London confirming the sinking of the steamships Kongsli and Ringhorn, but giving no details as to whether they were torpedoed or struck

mines.

The Ringhorn, it was said, was not in the service of the commission when sunk, having completed her voyage to Rotterdam and departed under a safe conduct issued by the German authorities.

Two Hundred Prominent Citizens Republic Send Message. SANTIAGO, Chile, April 21 .- A me

age signed by 200 of the most prominent Chileans has been sent to Prestdent Wilson. The message reads:

TO MIGHTY ENDEAVOR

Fighting Men Swear to Drive Enemy Out of the Slav Empire.

PETROGRAD, April 21, via London April 22, 12:53 a.m.-The congress of western (Russian) front opened at more than 1,200 representatives of the engaged in national defense work. M Rodzianko, president of the duma, and Minister of War Guchkoff were present

The congress was opened by M. Posener, president of the council of work men's and soldiers' delegates at Minsk The delay in the departure of the German minister, Herr Pauli, and the German consuls, is attributed to various causes, particularly the refusal of Germany to guarantee the safety of the steamer Rio Janeiro, which was placed by the Brazilian government at the disposal of the German officials. It was rumored tonight that Herr Pauli would go to Chile.

The situation with regard to the German ships in Brazilian ports is unchanged, but it is hoped that the government will not delay in proceeding with their definite seizure. It is expected that the government will put into effect certain important internal measures.

men's and soldiers' delegates at Minsk, who said that the congress symbolized the close union between the military and civilian elements of the new Russia and the perfect agreement between those at the front and those behind the battle lines. M. Posener was elected president of the conference, and a private soldier named Sorokoletoff, vice president. The latter, on mounting the tribune in his field uniform and armed with a rifle, was received with a storm of cheers.

No Return To the Past.

M. Rodzianko, in an address, said that he was glad to be able to say that no

"We believe you are going to drive the enemy out of Russia." The assembly responded by shouting: "We swear it."

Appeal of French Officer. Col. Rampont, a French officer who

fought at Verdun, then mounted the

fought at Verdun, then mounted the tribune, and said:

"Do not forget, soldiers, that you have in front of you the armies of the kaiser. Therefore, if you wish to consolidate liberty be brave and obedient fighters and pay less attention to politics and more attention to military duty. Remember the French revolution, when the army had nothing to do with politics."

A major in the British army called on the soldiers to love liberty and to die for it if necessary.

Gen. Gurko, commander on the western front, in an address said that if the soldiers did not make a great effort to save their young liberty, it would perish. He concluded by saying that German memperor was the guilty author of the Japanese, Balkan and Tripolitan wars as he was of this war.

"An end," he said, "must be made of German militarism which is an experience." "An end," he said, "must be made of German militarism which is an eternal menace to the peace of the world."

FINAL RITES THURSDAY.

Arrangements for Ceremonies in

Memory of Archbishop Blenk NEW ORLEANS, La., April 21.-The funeral of Archbishop James Blenk of New Orleans, who died here last night, acquitted by a jury late yesterday aft- will be held next Thursday morning at nounced earlier in the day. The ceremonies will be held in St. Joseph's Church, after which the body will be taken to the old St. Louis Cathedral for taken to the old St. Louis Cathedral for interment in the crypt there in accordance with the archbishop's request. The body will be removed from the archbishopric Sunday afternoon to St. Augustus' Church, where it will lie in state until Wednesday afternoon. It will then be transferred to St. Joseph's Church for the funeral services Thurs. Church for the funeral services Thurs-

day.

Bishop Gallagher of Galveston will

Rishop Gunn Bishop Gallagner of Galveston will say the requiem mass and Bishop Gunn of Natchez will deliver the sermon. Requiem mass will be said for the dead archbishop Monday and Tuesday in every Catholic Church in the city and special sermons will be preached to-morrow.

sealed instructions left by the architecture appointed the chancellor of the Sealed instructions left by the arch-bishop appointed the chancellor of the diocese, Very Rev. Jules B. Jeanmard, administrator of the diocese until the Vatican confirms this appointment or akes another.

NORWAY TO CONTINUE POLICY OF NEUTRALITY

LONDON, April 22, 2:55 a.m.-That Norway's policy should, as heretofore se one of strict neutrality, was the

be one of strict neutrality, was the agreement reached in the secret sitting of the storthing, says a Reuter's dispatch from Christiania.

The sittings of the storthing were concluded Friday evening, the dispatch adds, and among the matters discussed were communications from the government and the committee on foreign affairs on the foreign political situation, commerce, national supply, especially grain and coal, and the dangers of navigating the North sea.

No resolution to change the policy of Norway was proposed, the dispatch adds, and the rumors that the arming of merchant vessels was considered now are mild to have been without foundation.

COMMUNITY GARDEN IDEA

Citizens' Association, However, In dorses Individual Planting. Home Defense Recruits.

Rejecting plans to form a com unity garden, the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association unanimously in orsed the garden movement, and decided to offer prizes for the best gar dens in that section of the city.

Twenty dollars was appropriated for rizes, and many of the citizens present at the meeting last night, which was held in the Brown Retty Inn 16th street and Park road, declared their intention of offering individual medals The prizes will be open for competition to all residents of the section. Both May 3, 4 and 5. boys and girls and "grown-ups" will be eligible.

C. Melvin Sharpe came to the defense of the boys of the city, after it had been suggested that perhaps special protection should be accorded the crops of the war-emergency gardeners of the

Mr. Sharpe declared that the boys of Washington will not only take great inplanted on all sides, but that the boys, ar from committing depredations, will

William L. Clarke suggested crops

that would not tempt boys to make away with them, declaring that extra police protection would cost more than crops would be worth.

Twenty-five members of the association signed up for the home defense league under direction of Maj. Pullman. All the members of the association will be given an opportunity to sign up.

Chairmen of standing committees of the association were authorized as a special committee to make recommendations to the Commissioners of improvements for Mount Pleasant. The question of large holes in public lots in the section was referred to the committee on public health.

HEAD OF UNION BELIEVES

GERMANS FOMENT STRIKE

Government to Investigate Mine Troubles in Illinois-Orders Return to Work.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 21.—Believ ng that agents of Germany are trying to foment strikes among miners to arass the United States government, Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America, has asked the federal government to make an investigation of the strike at Kincaid, Nokomis and

Is Now on His Way From Nova Scotia, Where He Has Enviable Record on Ducking Flats.

Buff, the original "K-9" submarine s expected to be one of the big attractions at the sixth annual dog show of the Washington Kennel Club, which opens at the Arcade tomorrow morning. That is, he will be if he gets here. It a long, long way from Digby, Nova Scotia, Buff's home town, and even a colling dog can't swim that far.

Be it known, there are very few toll-

ng dogs anywhere else besides Nova Scotia. The dogs originated from a crossing of retrievers. As for Buff, he is one of the best of the breed, it is declared, and on three occasions swam right off to sea out of the sight of his right off to sea out of the sight of his master, in the winter time, too, chasing crippled ducks. It is firmly believed that if any German U-boats start monkeying around Nova Scotia Buff could give them quite a tussle, and probably bring back a crippled torpedo or two before the sun went down. Withal, the tolling dog is very affectionate, and is very fond of children. He does not make a good house dog, though, because toward spring he sheds, alas! Swimming around in the ocean it doesn't matter much, but it doe the house. How a Tolling Dog Works.

a flock of black ducks 200 yards away. The ducks are shy and will not comwithin range. The hunter takes a stick and throws it out to one side of the blind about twenty

yards; the dog dashes after it and re-

turns with the stick. The hunter keeps throwing the stick, and the dog keeps on returning with the stick as fast as he can run.
The ducks become interested and turn and swim toward the dog. The hunter keeps the dog going, and the dog keeps on "tolling" the ducks in, closer and closer. Some of the dogs pick up the stick within ten feet of the birds and never offer to break in after the ducks.
Then the tolling dog is called in and the hunters fire. Then the dog is sent out to

MAKING MORE PLOWS.

Agricultural Implement Manufacturers Prepare for Rush. NEW YORK, April 21.-Foreseeing the

emand for farm implements that will esult from the government's program of prodigious food production throughout the country, manufacturers of agricultural machinery are placing large or ders for soft steel bars and special steel in order to increase their output and thereby meet the farming requirements when the campaign gets into full swing. Boveral hundred thousand tons of steel have been ordered, it was learned today, for agricultural machiners.

MT. PLEASANT REJECTS NOVEL FORM OF TAX IN AID OF FESTIVAL

Neighborhood House Workers Adopt Plan of Procuring Potatoes for Salad.

WILL ENTERTAIN IN MAY

A new form of taxation is to be levied in Southwest Washington—a potate tax. Neighborhood House workers plan this novel fiscal scheme by way of getting enough potato salad to serve to guests when they hold the American festival planned by that institution

All club members and all visitors to

Neighborhood House for three days preceding the festival will be called upon to contribute a potato apiece.

This plan, and other novel arrangements for the festival, the fifteenth annual event of the sort at Neighborhood House, were disclosed at a meeting of the committee on arrangements, held at the Public Library last evening. "Interstate Apron Sale" a Feature.

One of the features of the sale to be onducted by the industrial committee is to be an interstate apron sale. Mrs William R. Bolten, chairman of this Stitution in nearly every state in the Union for contributions of aprons, and a surprising response will enable this committee's booth to offer aprons made in the home states of most folk in Washington. On this committee with Mrs. Bolten are Mrs. Charles Woodworth, Mrs. Bertram Shipman, Mrs. John W. Thompson, Mrs. Kernan, Mrs. Charles Spindler, Mrs. Robert Kendrick, Miss Caroline Barghauser and Miss Helen Boyd.

Miss Sophie Siebert, president of the board of trustees, presided last evening. Mrs. J. P. S. Nellgh, head worker, reported for the executive committee, comp⁴sed of George A. Fleming, treasurer; Miss Anna B. Browne, secretary; Miss Amy C. Leavitt, cashler; J. P. S. Nellgh, Miss Margaret Clark, Miss Ellen S. Kent, Miss Lena Barghauser and Miss Gail Hunt. stitution in nearly every state in the

Other Committees.

Mrs. John Deitz is chairman of the supper committee, which has to do with the aforementioned potato assessment, and aiding her are Miss Fannie Roseman, Miss Irene Bone, Mrs. Ida Boyd, Mrs. G. H. Hatton, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. G. H. Hatton, Mrs. Henry Smith,
Mrs. E. Meinking, Mrs. H. Russell, Mrs.
J. S. Wege, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Mrs.
Planmer, Mrs. E. Chrisman, Mrs. M.
Dunn, Mrs. E. Morrison, Mrs. Ralph
Harris and Mrs. James Martin.
Mrs. Elmer Clark is chairman of the
candy committee, and serving with her
are Mrs. John E. Walker, Miss Ruth
Hendershott, Miss Mildred Bacon, Miss
V. S. Calvert, Miss Ruth Selah, Miss
Ruth Harper, Miss Maxwell Church and
Miss Marie Simms.

Plays, Afternoon and Evening.

strike of fifty motormen and trip riders, who are asking an advance of the plays to be given afternoon and evening, which will typify the American spirit and history. Helping him are spirit and history. History. Helping him are spirit and history. History. History and h

up for service immediately. In refer-

ence to the calling up of the physicians and surgeons, the following official explanation is given: "The enemy, in total disregard of the accepted tenets of civilized warfare, has deliberately instituted a submarine campaign against hospital ships, and it has, paign against magnitude therefore, become essential that a large number of hospitals should be established overseas in the various theaters of war for the treatment of sick and war for the treatment of sick and wounded. In order to allow this to be done with great rapidity, it is essential to secure the services of every doctor that can possibly be spared from the United Kingdom."

DRUG CONSPIRACY CHARGED. Man Involved in Alleged Traffic in

Narcotics Under Bond in Memphis. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 21.-Peyton G. Hammers, charged by the government with having been involved in a widespread conspiracy to violate the federal anti-narcotic law, was placed under \$2,000 bond at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner here today to await action by the federal grand jury at Tampa, Fla., where, the government charges, headquarters were maintained for the alleged illegal traffic in drugs. Hammers also is under bond to

answer similar charges here. Dr. W. B. Rogers, who was arrested here several days ago on charges in connection with the alleged conspiracy, waived preliminary hearing. He also was placed under \$2,000 bond. It was stated that Dr. Rogers will return to Tampa next week.

TWO AUTOMOBILES DAMAGED.

Result of Collision of One With Street Car-Other Accidents. A street car, and two automob

leigh Court yesterday afternoon about 5:15 o'clock. The automobile of Mrs. Thomas Crouse was struck by the street car and thrown against the automobile of Dr. W. F. Masterson that was parked near the curb. Mrs. Crouse's car was badly damaged, as was that of Dre Masterson, but nobody was hurt.

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Earl Freeman and George Bailey, colored boys, who reside on 24th street between H and I streets, last night were injured as a result of a collision between a small wagon in which they were riding and the automobile of Alebert C. Wells, 18 S street, at Connecticut avenue and Columbia road. Freeman was taken to Emergency Hospital and treated for an injury to his knee.

Ralph Estell, colored, twelve years old, 1703 6th street, last night about 6:45 o'clock was knocked down by an automobile owned and operated by Arthur H. Johnson, 237 Rhode Island avenue, while in front of his home. The lad was cut in the face and injured about the feet. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital.

Medical Census Asked.

CHICAGO, April 21.-Dr. John Dill ceived a letter today from the natio ouncil of defense, asking him to speedily draw up a comprehensive port on the amount of medicines. Graggist supplies and food in the city of

Mr. Hoover's observations were made